

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A Z-drive for a watercraft, ~~comprising comprising:~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ ~~ana~~ a Z-transmission ~~lowerupper~~ section, section;  
\_\_\_\_\_ a Z-transmission lower ~~section, section;~~ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ a ~~propeller, propeller,~~ wherein at least the propeller is able to be moved via a bell-housing, cardan housing, and a trim ~~cylinder, characterized in that cylinder;~~ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ an intermediate piece ~~is-located~~ between the bell-housing and the ~~Z-drive, by~~  
~~which Z-drive, wherein intermediate piece~~ the Z-drive is laterally pivotable relative to the watercraft by the intermediate piece.
2. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein an intermediate housing of the intermediate piece is fastened to the bell-housing, and ~~that~~ the intermediate housing accommodates a radially rotatable and bearing-mounted inner pivot tube which is fastened to the Z-drive.
3. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the intermediate piece is connected by at least one trim cylinder to the cardan housing.
4. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the intermediate piece has a pivot motor.
5. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the pivot motor is effectively linked to ~~the~~ an inner pivot tube about which the inner pivot tube rotates radially.

6. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivot motor is connected to the inner pivot tube through a drive means ~~composed~~ of including a gear ring and a pinion.

7. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivot motor is activatable by at least one of an electronic control ~~and/or and~~ electronic signal.

8. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivot motor is activatable by ~~the person steering using buttons on the~~ a pilot's control panel.

9. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a shaft passes through ~~the~~ an intermediate housing and ~~the~~ an inner pivot tube.

10. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~the~~ an inner pivot tube is radially supported by a radial bearing or sliding surfaces.

11. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~the~~ an intermediate housing is an integral component of the bell-housing.

12. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ ~~the~~ wherein an immersion depth of the Z-drive is adjustable independently of ~~the~~ a trimming of the Z-drive and without adjustment of ~~the~~ a motor shaft.

13. (Currently Amended) The Z-drive according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an angle transmitter to measure ~~the~~ a position of the Z-drive is integrated into the intermediate piece and enables further transmission and processing of ~~the~~ a data.